

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

a) attaching ~~one or more~~ at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles to ~~one or more~~ at least two or more selected locations on ~~at least one or more~~ a biomolecule ~~polymer molecules~~, wherein the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles are attached to the biomolecule with a defined spacing, wherein the defined spacing is defined by the spacing between the at least two or more selected locations on the biomolecule;

b) aligning the biomolecule with a substrate such that the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles are ordered on the substrate in a non-random fashion;

~~b) c)~~ covalently attaching the biomolecule ~~polymer molecules~~ to a substrate;

e) ~~d)~~ removing the biomolecule ~~polymer molecules~~, wherein such that the at least two or more nanoparticles attach to the substrate at on a polymer at least two or more biomolecule directed sites, thereby defining a sites for nanotube formation; and

~~d) e)~~ producing substrate attached carbon nanotubes on the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles ~~wherein~~ such that the resulting distribution of substrate attached ~~catalyst nanoparticles~~ carbon nanotubes is non-random.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~polymer~~ biomolecule is a peptide, a protein or a nucleic acid.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the ~~polymer~~ biomolecule is a peptide or protein.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the ~~polymer~~ biomolecule is a nucleic acid.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles are attached to the ~~polymer-molecule~~ biomolecule before the ~~polymer molecules~~ biomolecule ~~are~~ is attached to the substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles are attached to the ~~polymer-molecules~~ biomolecule after the ~~polymer molecules~~ biomolecule ~~are~~ is attached to the substrate.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the distance between adjacent carbon nanotubes is uniform.

12-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the ~~polymer molecules~~ biomolecule is are aligned by optical tweezers, a direct current electrical field, an alternating current electrical field, a magnetic field, molecular combing or microfluidic flow.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the ~~polymer molecules~~ biomolecule is are aligned by double-stranded DNA/forced flow alignment.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two or more catalytic nanoparticles comprise ferritin.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising using chemical vapor deposition with a hydrocarbon gas to produce the carbon nanotubes.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two or more nanoparticles are attached to the ~~polymers~~ biomolecule using biotin-avidin or biotin-streptavidin binding.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises silicon, silicon oxide, silicon dioxide, silicon nitride, germanium, one or more metals, and/or quartz.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles comprise iron, nickel, molybdenum, cobalt, zinc, ruthenium and/or cobalt.

22-38 (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

a) attaching ~~one or more~~ at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles to ~~one or more~~ at least two or more selected locations on ~~at least one or more~~ a biomolecule ~~polymer molecules~~;

b) aligning the biomolecule with a substrate such that the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles are ordered on the substrate in a non-random fashion;

~~b) c)~~ attaching the ~~polymer molecules~~ biomolecule of (a) to a substrate;

~~e) d)~~ burning off the ~~polymer molecules~~ biomolecule ~~[[,]]~~ wherein such that the at least two or more nanoparticles attach to the substrate at ~~on polymer~~ at least two or more biomolecule directed sites, thereby defining the sites for nanotube formation; and

~~d) e)~~ producing substrate attached carbon nanotubes on the at least two or more catalyst nanoparticles~~[[,]]~~ wherein such that the resulting distribution of substrate attached ~~catalyst nanoparticles~~ carbon nanotubes is non-random.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein burning off comprises heating to about 600 to 800° C.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the one or more polymer~~
~~molecules~~ biomolecule comprises a single stranded DNA molecule.